

means that there will be no Congress during 1940. The Organizing Committee and its Executive have not, however, been dissolved, but will continue in office, and will, at the first opportunity, communicate with the leading botanical circles in different countries with a view to ascertaining a suitable time for the Congress to be held.—

ROB. E. FRIES, *President*

HUGO OSVALD, *General Hon. Secretary*

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A NEW VARIETY OF TRIPHORA

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SEVERAL years ago the late Professor J. H. Schaffner called my attention to a rather unusual series of specimens of the autumnal flowering orchid *Triphora* which he and Dr. R. B. Gordon had collected near Columbus, Ohio. Shortly before his death, I visited Professor Schaffner and in the course of our conversation he mentioned having again visited the locality where the original specimens were gathered, at least on several occasions and at different times of the year. His conclusions were that the character which first brought the plants to his particular attention was constant from year to year and, therefore, that the plants merited description as being different from the more common *Triphora trianthophora*.

Professor Schaffner's death prevented him from bringing his work on this material to its logical end. I have since taken it upon myself to pursue the matter somewhat further and have come to the conclusion that this material should be given at least varietal rank. I therefore propose the following:

TRIPHORA TRIANTHOPHORA (Sw.) Rydb. var. **Schaffneri** Camp, var. nov. A speciei pedunculis erectis differt.

Separated solely on the basis of erect peduncles I have the following specimens: OHIO: Franklin Co., Bexley, near Columbus, *Robt. B. Gordon & John H. Schaffner*, in fruit, Oct. 20, 1934, TYPE, Britton Herb., N. Y. Bot. Gard. INDIANA: along Sugar Creek about 4 miles northwest of Marshall, *C. C. Deam 7202*, in flower, Aug. 21, 1910; Dunreith, *E. Pleas*, in fruit, Oct. 1896; Mattsville, *Guy Wilson*, in fruit, Oct. 1, 1893. MISSOURI: Jackson Co., along (the) Blue, north of Dodson, *K. K. Mackenzie 452*, in flower, Sept. 13, 1901; Courtney, *B. F. Bush 1788*, in fruit, Oct. 5, 1902. ARKANSAS: L(ittle) R(ock), without collector (ex Herb. Dr. H. E. Hasse), in flower, Aug. 16, 1885.

Fruiting plants with stiffly erect peduncles reminiscent, at least in this character, of the coarser Caribbean *Triphora surinamense* (Lindl.) Britton of which I have seen specimens from Dominica, Porto Rico and Guadeloupe. Unfortunately, I have not been able to examine authentic flowering material of this new variety, but was informed by Professor Schaffner that the flowering peduncles of plants from the type locality were also erect and not nodding or drooping as is generally the case in the more common and typical form of *trianthophora*.

Apparently, var. *Schaffneri* is scattered in, roughly, the northwestern portion of the range of the species and is likely to be met with in a somewhat wider area than indicated by the specimens here cited.

Since the above was written, Professor Fernald has kindly loaned me his recently received photograph of the type of *Arethusa parviflora* Michx. Examination of this photograph reveals that, in some cases at least, the pedicels have been twisted out of their natural position prior to pressing and thus simulate the above described variety. It is therefore my opinion that *Arethusa parviflora* Michx. (1803) is a straight synonym of *A. trianthophora* Sw. (1800) [= *Triphora trianthophora* (Sw.) Rydb.].—W. H. C.

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